

STATE CONVENTION, RATIFICATION MEETING.

Coming Republican Gathering Will Fire the First Shot of Campaign Against Goebelism.

PROMINENT PARTY MEN CONFERRED.

Representative Republicans From Seven Congressional Districts Decide to Put Up a Winning Fight—Speeches Full of Encouragement Delivered by the Leaders.

From the Commercial.

The republican leaders of the state held a large and enthusiastic meeting at the rooms of United States Marshall A. D. James yesterday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock, during which time numerous speeches were made both by republicans and Brown democrats and the situation in the several congressional districts discussed. Arrangements were also made to turn the state convention, to be held in this city July 17, into a big ratification meeting, at which all the elements opposed to Goebelism in Kentucky should be present.

The meeting was called to order about 2:30 o'clock in the rooms of Dr. James in the old Blackmore dwelling, on Chestnut street, right across from the custom house, Ex-Lieut. Gov. John Marshall presided and Editor Sam J. Roberts of Lexington acted as secretary. There were in all about 60 republicans and Brown Democrats present, among whom were the following:

Ex-Gov. W. O. Bradley, Senator W. J. Deboe, E. G. Sebree, D. N. Cominger, R. M. Jolly, E. C. O'Rear, J. B. Atkinson, John Marshall, R. W. Knott, John W. Yerkes, ex-Congressman John W. Lewis, Senator W. H. Jones, Capt. H. S. Irwin, R. B. Gelatt, ex-Speaker C. M. Blanford, R. P. Ernst, Postmaster T. H. Baker, Collector C. E. Sapp, Nat Cureton, ex-Treasurer George W. Long, W. Fred Long, Paul M. Moore of the Earlinton Bee, J. F. Taylor of Glasgow, T. M. Owsley, John Barrett, F. M. Fisher of Paducah, Miles J. Williams, Tip Tyler of Owensboro, Ed Hubbard, T. G. Mitchell, Capt. S. G. Sharpe of Lexington, Charles Ryon, Judge Lawson Reno, Surveyor C. M. Barnett, Postmaster E. U. Fordyce of Bowling Green, Marshal A. D. James, Col. Tom Landram, Sam Roberts of Lexington, Robert Woods, T. A. Mitchell, W. A. Blackburn, Maj. A. T. Wood, Leslie Combs, Clint C. McCarthy, Ed Hines, J. F. Rodgers.

Gov. Marshall stated that the meeting was mainly in order that the leaders in the fight on Goebelism might get together and discuss ways and means of taking away from the hands of the so-called democracy not only the state offices, but also the congressional places.

The situation in the first, second, third, fourth, sixth, eighth and tenth districts was then gone into, and speeches were also made as to the best method of causing a big hurrah campaign to be made.

Among those who addressed the assemblage were Hon. John W. Yerkes, ex-Gov. W. O. Bradley, Senator Deboe, Ed Hines, Judge Wright, T. J. Wood, John Marshall, W. H. Jones, Postmaster E. U. Fordyce and R. W. Knott.

A motion was made that a committee of three be appointed to make general arrangements for the turning out of a big crowd to attend the state convention here on July 17. This motion was carried with a whoop and ex-Gov. Bradley, Senator Deboe and ex-Lieut. Gov. Marshall were appointed on the committee.

It was the sense of all the speakers present that the first thing that must be done was to have a vast crowd at the convention, and to this end Pension

Agent Leslie Combs was appointed a committee of one to see to it that special trains were secured for the delegates and their friends who wished to attend the convention.

Mr. Combs stated that a large number of cars would be chartered by enthusiastic Republicans and would be paid for by private individuals. Five big special trains were reported as already practically arranged for.

Mr. Harry Brooklin will have a special train from Middlesboro, which will be filled with representative citizens of the mountain counties, who have been so slandered by the Goebelite organs and speakers. He expects to have one of the largest excursions which will come to this city to attend the convention. Dr. A. D. James will have charge of the excursion running from Franklin; J. F. Rogers of that running from Hopkinsville; Postmaster Fisher will have one from Paducah and E. G. Sebree one from Henderson.

Other trains will be arranged for later, carrying big crowds from the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth districts. It is estimated by conservative men that the convention would draw several thousand more strangers to the city than any other State convention had ever brought here before.

The general line of policy recommended for the congressional races was that nominations should be made early, and that all encouragement should be extended to the Brown Democrats, who are helping the Republicans in their fight for civil liberty.

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock. All of the leaders expressed themselves as greatly encouraged by the report that had been made.

United States Senator Deboe was very enthusiastic about the Republican national ticket. "We will carry this State for McKinley by a bigger vote than last time," said he, "and as for the nation, I firmly believe that Bryan will be beaten even worse than before. Kentucky will give Yerkes so big a vote that the Democrats won't dare use the same tactics they used before."

Mr. Yerkes received words of encouragement from everybody present.

Asked if he was conserving his energies for the coming gubernatorial campaign, Mr. Yerkes laughingly replied: "I haven't been nominated yet. I see some of the Center college boys say they are in a quandary. Adlai Stevenson is on the Democratic presidential ticket; I am spoken of for the Republican gubernatorial nomination and Judge Lewis and James B. McCreary are spoken of for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. As a consequence the loyal Center men don't know what to do. Prospects of the Republican national ticket? Same old prospect—victory."

Meeting in Progress.

A protracted meeting began at the M. E. Church, South, last Tuesday night. R. M. Wheat, the pastor, began the meeting, and Rev. J. P. Stubblefield joined him last night and will do the preaching. Mr. Stubblefield is an earnest, faithful minister of the Gospel and those who fail to hear him will miss a feast of spiritual things.

Miss Lula Jordan is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Fawcett of this city.

DOWN IN THE MINES.

In order to protect their premises against trespassers, the Sebree Coal Company has secured the services of a deputy sheriff to guard the coal mine and other property, and now when the U. M. W. or other malcontent pests in an appearance, he is politely asked to vacate, and when he hesitates he is reminded of the penalty that awaits him upon his refusal to go. A friend of ours who resides there says that the strict watch kept by the officers is having the desired effect, that of causing the members of the U. M. W. organization to seek work elsewhere.

Those who still remain say they receive three dollars per week to each head of the family, or rather they are to get it if promises prove true; but one of the poor deluded fellows says he has never received a cent yet. Quite a number of the order have seen the error of their way, and almost with tears in their eyes they approach the managers of the mine begging to get back. If this action is prompted by a desire to forever cut loose from the poverty society and hereafter try to live up to their contract, we sympathize with them when they are turned away disappointed and hungry. But if, as we believe, their sole object is to again gain the good will of the company for the purpose of stabbing them in the back when an opportunity presents itself, we hope the company will still continue to give them a cold reception. Will the U. M. W.'s respect a contract made under any conditions? About one year ago that organization which had secured full control of the Sebree Coal Company under a solemn contract, without warning or due notice, such as an employee should give to his employer when he thinks of leaving his service, shut down the mine by a willful violation of the compact entered into. Thus it can be seen why the company refuses to allow them to work under any circumstances.

county, save that of a selfish nature, actuated by spite because they here see miners prosper and receive good wages while they play the dog in the manger act.

We witnessed quite an interesting sight while in Madisonville one day last week. Tate who has won considerable reputation as an agitator and consumer of bad whiskey, was seen a short distance away where he had cornered two innocent looking farmers, who wore a downcast appearance, on account of the gloomy prospect for good crops this year, and unto whom he preached with the same effect as he would to a stone wall the beauties of the U. M. W. organization. How the farmer could find sale for his wood, when that organization would close the mines down, and when they came to town, the once happy miners would meet them with a starved appearance and ask for a few days time to pay for the farm products he now wanted. Farmers are not fools as Tate soon found out, and while they may upon false representation expressed sympathy for the miner, they could see no good in the policy of dictation favored by Tate and followers. When they, the farmers employed a hand, that man must obey orders, and not attempt to run their business as mine workers attempted to do with coal operators.

Foreman Toombs informs us that the water shaft at Hecla is completed, and as soon as the water courses in the mines are opened up both No. 9 and Hecla mines will be drained through this shaft.

The air compressor now being put in at the Arnold mine will soon be completed and the mining machines will then be given all the necessary power for rapid work.

Foreman Carroll, of the Barnsley mine is fast getting that mine in splendid working order, as was found to be the case last week by



CHINA'S NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

They cannot be relied upon to live up to a contract when they are under the evil influence of Wood, Purcell and other unscrupulous agitators, and it can be said that the Sebree Coal Company is not alone in this matter, as the good citizens there uphold the company in the bold stand they have taken for the right, and stand ready to render such assistance as necessary to keep the contract violators from interference with their business. Our friend stated further while giving us the material for this article that even Puckett now says the strike inaugurated at Sebree by the United Mine Workers was unjust and uncalled for and was caused by and through the advice of Wood, the fellow who makes his headquarters at a saloon when other secret chambers cannot be found.

Smith, of Central City, once known here as an idler barely working enough, even when an opportunity presented itself, to keep the wolf from the door, and who, when here, was many times befriended by the St. Bernard Coal Company, shows his base ingratitude by trying to malign that company through falsehoods. His dirty insinuations that the miners here were charged so much per month as a doctors fee and that the money thus collected, or a large portion of it, never reached the pockets of the physicians is as false as false can be, and not a miner here utters a complaint about medical attention or the amount paid for it.

The threats made by the U. M. W. Workers and their allies justify the action of the coal companies in this county in guarding their property. The law recognizes the right of a citizen to defend himself when attacked and so should it throw its strong arm of protection around business enterprises when threatened by outside parties who have no interest in this

Manager Robinson, when making his tour of inspection.

The miners here took great interest in the picnic on the Fourth, and the great success the managers met with is largely due to the patronage of the underground workers.

The accident which happened to young Willie Britton is greatly regretted and it is hoped that his injuries are not serious, and that he will soon be able for work again.

Beginning July 11 trains Nos. 53 and 54 ceased to stop at Crofton for passengers.

"Boxtown" has another new President of the U. M. W. Lodge. Presidents are very numerous in that Lodge. The salary is probably bigger than the Presidents have been used to, and they fear the temptation of sudden wealth and resign. The latest President, if reports are true, should be tied up to Professor Glenn's whipping post for abuse of his family.

Boxtown has other citizens most distinguished. A few days ago a crippled man went to the postoffice for his mail, and was beset by a lot of women, with clubs in their hands (the husbands getting in hiding), and driven away from the town. This was a white man, a citizen of Kentucky, driven from a postoffice, because he was not a U. M. W. Worker. This wonderful organization not only claims all the work (those not members being denied work), but the Boxtown contingent proposes to take charge of the postoffices as well as of all work, and permit no man to get his mail, unless he is a Union man. It is presumed that the postmaster of Boxtown has reported this affair to the proper U. S. authorities who will investigate and bring to punishment the guilty parties.

A few of Tom Cates' dupes from

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COUNTY CONVENTION.

Republicans Meet at Madisonville July 14 to Send Delegates to State Convention.

A mass convention will be held at the court house in Madisonville, Ky., on Saturday, July 14, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the State Convention at Louisville on the 17th to nominate a Republican candidate for Governor.

CHAS. COWELL, Secretary.

J. B. HARVEY, Chairman.

LOCOMOTIVE BLASTS.

A suit has been brought against the railroad commissioners by several Kentucky railroads to test the constitutionality of the McChord bill. The claim of the plaintiffs is that it violates the United States Constitution in that it interferes with interstate commerce. Case is set for Friday before Judge Evans at Louisville.

Louisville & Nashville.

Louisville and Nashville directors meet to-day or to-morrow act on the semi-annual dividend. It may therefore be of interest to print some information respecting the company's business, in detail greater than that usually given in the stockholders' reports. These reports do not state the character of commodities transported by the road nor the origin of freight by divisions. Both these points, however, are of much importance as bearing on the future of earnings.

Some days ago we gave a table showing the general character of Louisville and Nashville's tonnage, but it may be well to reprint the same. The figures refer to a recent date:

Agricultural products	13.0 per cent
Animal products	3.5 per cent
Forest products	9.8 per cent
Mineral products	45.2 per cent
Manufactures	10.3 per cent
Merchandise	18.2 per cent
Total	100.0 per cent

The feature, of course, is the very large per cent of mineral products. In the year ended June 30 last these undoubtedly accounted for one-half the business of the company. They consist chiefly of coal and coke and furnace ore. Practically all the furnace ore originating on the Birmingham Mineral Railroad and one-third of the coal and coke also. The Mineral Railroad connects the coal and iron district with the main line, which at that point is the South and North Alabama road, a proprietary line. All the coal and coke originating in the Birmingham district moves over this line mostly southbound. The Birmingham Mineral road being only about 22 miles long earns comparatively little itself, but furnishes very large earnings to the South and North Alabama line, which is the largest earner but one among the divisions.—Wall Street Journal.

The rumor is afloat that Supervisor Burns is to resign his position and again take charge of the Hanson section. John is not satisfied with the job, although the officials look upon him as a good man for the place.

Dispatcher Cozatt, who was called home a few days ago on account of the death of his father, has returned and resumed work in the dispatchers' office.

Brakeman Dickens who killed DeShon went to Elkton to attend examining trial last Monday, but as the prosecution had failed to summon the principal witnesses of the terrible affair, the trial was postponed.

The report of the earnings of the L. & N. Railroad Company show an increase of over one million dollars for the past eleven months, as compared with the previous eleven months the year before.

The telegraph office at old Empire has been closed and the business of that place transferred to New Empire.

Chief Engineer Kelley is again on the Henderson division looking over the machinery and teaching the men the way they should walk.

Fireman Scott, who is conceded to have few equals and no superiors as a fireman, has on account of a misunderstanding with his engineer severed his connection with the Henderson division and will seek work elsewhere.

Section Foreman William Edmonson is tipped as the next supervisor for the north end should Mr. Burns resign.

The trainmen generally complain of dull business, one conductor claiming he made only about sixty dollars last month; but an increase in freight business is soon looked for.

The night telegraph office at Cedar Hill and the day office at Mortons have been closed, the cause being a desire on the part of the railroad company to cut down expenses.

Thomas Smith, who has worked at the Earlinton shops for the last few years has resigned and is now the chief owner of a steam riding gallery.

Douglas O'Brien has returned from Alabama, where he has been attending College, and, not believing in idleness, has accepted a position in the Earlinton shops.

Section Foreman Sissom has accepted a position with the Illinois Central with headquarters at Blackford. He will have charge of a section on the Dixon road.

The directors of the L. & N. railroad at a meeting in New York Tuesday declared a 2 per cent semi-annual dividend payable August 10.

Mr. Atkinson's calculation that the extension of railroad lines in this country will carry the mileage from 200,000 to 300,000 in fifteen years I would consider conservative if the construction of electric lines also is included. The construction, according to this estimate would average a little over 6,500 miles annually, which is considerably larger than the annual mileage built in recent years. Undoubtedly a large proportion of the construction will be in the South and Southwest, owing to the demand for railroads caused by the general development of this section of the country. I believe that the new mileage will be built principally in the form of spurs or branches by existing companies to reach localities which will originate traffic. They will not be built for the purpose of floating securities, as has been at times the case in the past, but their promotion will be due to healthful business conditions. I do not believe that independent companies will do much of the work, the corporations now controlling the principal railways carrying out the various plans.

In an address before the Convention at San Antonio last week, S. F. B. Morse, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific Company, set forth some facts regarding the part played by railroads in the development of communities which have application wider than the State of Texas:

"Undeniably the railroads of the United States have been pioneers in pushing the fortunes of the individual and the government into the West. It is beyond question that the steel rail and the track embankment clearly defined the march of progress, and it has been along these rails and these embankments that immigration has sought and found conditions which encouraged agriculture and commerce. As the railroads were pushed into the verdant wastes of the West, and particularly was this the case in Texas, the farmer kept pace with the rails and the humble habitation of the man of soil broke and redeemed the primeval conditions which had existed for thousands of years. "To some people the railroads are looked upon as 'necessary evils,' and the 'incubus' is borne with a resignation seems only to break its bonds during a political campaign or a session of the State legislature when the political demagogues and scheming iconoclasts endeavor to disturb the equilibrium of people and things by denouncing the railroads and urging passage of laws having for their purpose the repression of what is so frequently styled 'grasping monopolies,' forgetful always of changed condition for the better brought by the railroad in the first instance, and which is ever cheapening and quickening transportation, controlled only by commercial necessities."

St. Charles News.

Miss Maud and Flint Finley are visiting near Pembroke.

Mrs. Geo. Long has returned from a visit to Crofton.

H. E. White, of Ilsey, was in town Sunday.

Miss Florence McGregor returned last Sunday from a visit to relatives in Henderson.

The young folks enjoyed the social dance given by Mr. Crutchfield at the new hall last Saturday night in honor of Misses Maggie Ellis and Mary Jones.

The Cumberland Telephone Co. has taken charge of the line between this place and Earlinton.

Little Pansy, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Rogers, died here last Saturday and was buried Sunday. The funeral service was held at the Christian Church.

In a Bad Condition.

Will Brittan, who was run over by some coal cars at No. 9 mine last week, is suffering intensely from his injuries. The little fellow is badly hurt but it is hoped that he may soon fully recover. "Britt" has a large amount of grit to help him through.

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